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1. The reply brief filed October 23, 2003 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. A supplemental examiner's answer is not permitted unless the application has been remanded by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for such purpose (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.193 (b)(1)).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Lipman whose telephone number is 703-308-2459. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 Mon-Fri.

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